

1 AN ACT relating to veterans.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 40.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Every person determined by the administrator to be a qualified veteran shall be paid
5 the sum of nine dollars (\$9) for each month and major fraction of a month of active
6 duty, in the Armed Forces in the continental United States, not to exceed in all the
7 sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), and the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each
8 month and major fraction of a month of such service outside the continental United
9 States, subject to an aggregate limit for all service in the sum of five hundred dollars
10 (\$500). A veteran who served in one or more of the conflict periods defined in
11 subsections (15), (16), (17), and (18) of KRS 40.010 shall be limited to a maximum
12 payment of three hundred dollars (\$300) if no part of his total service during the
13 periods specified was served outside the continental United States, or five hundred
14 dollars (\$500) if a part of his total service during the periods specified was served
15 outside the continental United States.
- 16 (2) If a person determined to have been a qualified veteran shall be deceased at the time
17 payment of the veterans' bonus would otherwise be made to him, the amount of his
18 **or her** bonus shall be paid to the first surviving beneficiary, if any, according to the
19 order of priority defined in subsection (8) of KRS 40.010 and if there be no
20 surviving beneficiary, the bonus of such veteran shall lapse, and no payment thereof
21 shall be made.
- 22 (3) A beneficiary (as defined in subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) of KRS
23 40.010) of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed
24 Forces during the periods defined in subsections (15), (16), (17), and (18) of KRS
25 40.010 or person who died of service-connected injury sustained while on active
26 duty in the Armed Forces during the conflict periods defined above shall be paid
27 three hundred dollars (\$300) if no part of his total service during these periods was

1 served outside the continental United States or five hundred dollars (\$500) if any
2 part of his or her total service during these periods was served outside the
3 continental United States. The provisions of subsection (1) and the minimum period
4 of service for entitlement to a bonus as established by subsection (2) of KRS 40.010
5 shall not apply to these beneficiaries. However, this exception does not waive the
6 respective maximums of three hundred dollars (\$300) or five hundred dollars
7 (\$500) for each veteran, person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the
8 Armed Forces, or person who died as a result of service-connected injury sustained
9 while on active duty in the Armed Forces.